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SUBJ: 18TH US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS

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1. DIRGEN MOFA RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPT TACHIBANA DEC 3
PROVIDED COPIES OF JAPANESE PAPERS FOR FORTHCOMING PLANNING TALKS.
THEY ARE BEING PREPARED FOR TRANSMISSION DEC 4.

2. TACHIBANA ALSO INFORMED US THAT VICE MINISTER HOGEN REGRETFULLY
MUST SHELVE PLAN TO ATTEND PLANNING TALKS BECAUSE CURRENT DIET
SESSION, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO END WITHIN TWO WEEKS,
NOW APPEARS LIKELY TO EXTEND UNTIL DEC 22. TACHIBANA ALSO NOTED
ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL LIKELY TO BE HELD AROUND DEC 20, RE-
QUIRING PRESENCE OF HOGEN IN TOKYO. FONOFF HAS CONSIDERED PO-
SSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING POSTPONEMENT, BUT PROSPECTS FOR AVAILA-
BILITY OF HOGEN IN JANUARY AND SUBSEQUENT MONTHS REMAIN DOUBTFUL
BECAUSE OF PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS AND OTHER MATTERS. FONOFF
THEREFORE SUGGESTS TALKS BE HELD ON PRESENTLY AGREED SCHEDULE
IN WASHINGTON WITH TACHIBANA HEADING JAPANESE DELEGATION.

3. UNDERSTAND ABOVE INFORMATION ALSO BEING PASSED THROUGH JAPANESE
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